



# TALK IT OVER

ARE YOU DESPERATE? | PASTOR TROY STEIN

## KEY SCRIPTURES

"We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup>who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>42</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." <sup>50</sup>Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." <sup>52</sup>"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road."

**Mark 10:33-34; 46-52 NIV**

## START TALKING

Name a time in your life that you felt truly desperate. Explain.

## START THINKING

Read Mark 10:33-34. These are pretty strong words from Jesus. How would you have felt if you were in the crowd and heard Him say this?

Pastor Troy said, "God is drawn to desperation." How do you feel about that statement? Has it proven true in your life? Explain.

Read Mark 10:46-52. What is the difference between the Rich Young Ruler and Blind Bartimaeus? Who do you act like most often? (Be honest)

## START PRAYING

Mighty God, we need Your help! Thanks that we don't have to pretend everything is ok. We recognize the desperation of our situation. We are desperate for You! Thank You for helping us. In Jesus' powerful Name, Amen.

## START DOING

Take some time to write your needs. Decide if your needs are **symptoms** that you long for God to help with or are they the **root of the problem**? The goal is to identify the **root of the problem** and begin working on that. This is not an easy assignment, but it's imperative to becoming a healthy and fully devoted follower of Jesus.